GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:50
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2001
DOWNSIZING THE GOVERNMENT
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has downsized the bureaucracy;

(b) if so, the number of posts of officers above the rank of Directors abolished in the Government of India so far in this regard; and

(c) the number of posts that are proposed to be downsized during 2001?

Answer

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(a),(b)&(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 50 ANSWER ON 25 JULY, 2001.

(a)&(b): In 1992, the Government had decided to reduce the number of posts at various level by 10% and, as a result, nearly 1.83 lakh posts have been abolished. Since rank-wise information is not compiled, data relating to the number of posts of officers above the rank of Directors abolished in the Government of India is not available. However, on the recommendation of the Group of Secretaries made in 1992, 135 posts of Joint Secretary and equivalent have been abolished. In the recent past, certain Departments have been abolished/merged and some other economy measures have been taken. As a result of this, seven Secretary level posts have been abolished.

(c): In pursuance of the Finance Minister`s announcement in his Budget Speech in the Parliament on 28 February, 2001 regarding limiting the fresh recruitment, the Department of Personnel and Training have issued instructions in May, 2001 requesting all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to prepare Annual Direct Recruitment Plans to ensure that the direct recruitment does not, in any case, exceed 1% of the total sanctioned strength of the Department.

Restructuring/rationalising the Government manpower is a continuing exercise and hence it is not feasible to give the exact number of posts likely to be abolished during the current year.